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MEMORANDUM FOR: AD/ORE
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SUBJECT: Proposed Reductions in Service Attache Staffs Abroad

REFERENCE: (Proposed ORE action)

1. The Director will take no action at this time in connection with the new Service Attache system.
2. It appears that the system is a fait accompli. That the plans were never formally coordinated with CIA is characteristic of the present system which requires no IAC agencies to collect for CIA except "within budgetary limitations" over which CIA has no control. Meanwhile, there is nothing wrong in principle with the idea of unifying the Service Attache system, and in so doing, adjusting Staff T/O's to specific local requirements. Thus it does not seem that CIA should take any action at this time to attempt to get reconsideration of the system in toto. On the other hand, it is understood that the system is subject to revision as experience brings out its deficiencies, if any.
3. Since the AD/OCD has the primary responsibility in collection matters, it is believed that any future action in this case should originate in OCD. It is requested that OCD keep all interested CIA Offices and Staffs apprised of future developments as experience demonstrates the effectiveness of the system.

PRESCOTT CHILDS,
Chief, Coordination, Operations
and Planning Staff

Attachment:
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